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To whom it concerns:

I understand you're soliciting feedback on the proposed 'Microsoft Settlement'.

I have not read the settlement. What I know about it has come from television, radio and print media.

From what I know of the proposed settlement, I share the concern expressed by those who believe that if Microsoft is allowed to provide that quantity of hardware and software to schools, this may unfairly expand Microsoft's market share in an area they are not presently dominating.

I believe there is a simple answer to this concern. Take the dollar value of the hardware and software that Microsoft will donate, and allow the recipients to choose what hardware and/or software they prefer to work with. This suggestion likely tacks on some administrative cost, but if Microsoft really wants to be fair, they should not be opposed to it, and should be willing to re-negotiate the deal to reflect this approach. Even if it costs them more money.

That's my opinion.

God bless America.

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